

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-10, and 16 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 3, and 11-15 have been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended. Claim 1 is in independent form.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 11-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,254,183 to Bian et al. ("the '183 reference"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant has cancelled claims 11-15. Thus, the rejection of claims 11-15 is moot.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '183 reference be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,279,798 to Partch et al. ("the '798 reference"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The Examiner has allowed claims 1 and 4-10. Applicant has amended claim 16 to depend from allowed claim 1. Thus, amended claim 16 is allowable.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the '798 reference be withdrawn.

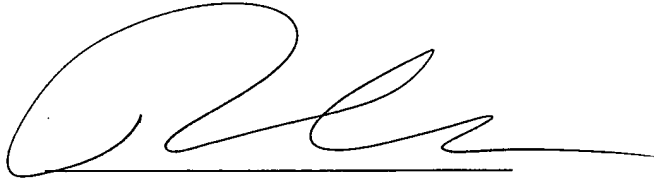
Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 1 and 4-10.

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It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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